

99. (Amended) A snowboard boot, comprising:
- a forward lean system, comprising:
    - a first guide located on a side of the boot on an upper, rear portion of the boot;
    - a second guide located on the same side as the first guide on a lower, front portion of the boot;
    - a third guide located on the side opposite of the first guide on an upper, rear portion of the boot;
    - a first cable portion extending from the first guide to the second guide; and
    - a second cable portion extending from the second guide to the third guide.
100. (Amended) A step-in snowboard boot, comprising:
- a forward lean system, comprising:
    - a first guide located on a side of the boot on an upper, rear portion of the boot;
    - a second guide located on the same side as the first guide on a lower, front portion of the boot;
    - a third guide located on the side opposite of the first guide on an upper, rear portion of the boot; and
    - a cable portion that extends from the first guide to the second guide and extends from the second guide to the third guide.
101. (Amended) A step-in snowboard boot, comprising:
- a forward lean system, comprising:
  - a tension adjustment member at the rear of the boot;
  - a first guide located on a side of the boot on an upper, rear portion of the boot;

LAW OFFICES OF  
CHRISTENSEN O'CONNOR JOHNSON KINDNESS<sup>LLC</sup>  
1420 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 2800  
Seattle, Washington 98101  
206.682.8100

a second guide located on the same side as the first guide on a lower, front portion of the boot;

a third guide located on the side opposite of the first guide on an upper, rear portion of the boot; and

a cable portion that extends from the tension adjustment member to the first guide, the cable extends from the first guide to the second guide, and extends across the front of the boot from the second guide to the third guide, the cable portion extends from the third guide to the tension adjustment member.

102. (Amended) A boot, comprising:

an upper rear ankle portion;

a lower front foot portion; and

a forward lean system, comprising:

cables from either side of the upper, rear ankle portion attached to the lower front foot portion, wherein forward portions of said cables are attached at only a single general position to the lower front foot portion.